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# Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/674,269

Applicant(s)

OLSTOWSKI, FRANEK

Examiner

Lyle A. Alexander

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,6-8,10,13,14,17 and 19-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2,6-8,10,13-14,17 and 19-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-2, 6-8, 10,13-14,17 and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 is vague and indefinite what structure is intended to accomplish the claimed "...where the UV interference reduction system is adapted to prevent interference from nitrogen...".

Claims 15 –17 are duplicates of each other.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1,2,6-8,10, 13-14, 17 and 19-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Wreyford('963).

See the appropriate paragraph of the 10/18/05 final Office action.

With respect to the new claim language "...where the UV interference reduction system is adapted to prevent interference from nitrogen...", in light of the above 35 USC 112 second paragraph issues, it is not clear how the system has been adapted. For the purposes of examination, it will be assumed, until otherwise claimed, the "adaptor" has been read on the means of Wreyford that connects (e.g. adapts) the ozone generator to the system.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 3-5,9,15-16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wreyford.

See the appropriate paragraph of the 10/18/05 final Office action.

***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed 1/17/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicants' state Wreyford does not detect sulfur below 500 ppb. Wreyford teaches in column 1 lines 47-48 teaches accuracy to less than 500 ppb which has been properly read on the claimed at or below 100 ppb. Applicants' state Wreyford fails to teach detection of atmospheric nitrogen. This has been read on the claimed elimination of interference from nitrogen oxides.

Applicants' assert teachings of Wreyford are incorrect. These remarks are not convincing. Applicants' should consult MPEP section 716.07 on how to challenge the validity of statements made within a patent.

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Applicants' state Wreyford does not use ozone to remove interfering NO. The Office maintains Wreyford teaches an identical structure and method as that claimed and has been properly read on the instant claims.

Applicants' state Wreyford does not teach an UV interference reduction system. The original specification teaches (exemplary is paragraph [0013]) an ozone generator to reduce the UV interference. Wreyford clearly teaches an ozone generator and has been properly read on the instant claims.

Applicants' state Wreyford does not permit reliable UV fluorescence detection of sulfur levels at or below 100 ppb. The Office has read detection of the claimed levels of sulfur on the teachings of column 1 lines 47-48 described above.

Applicants' traverse the 35 USC 103 rejections on the basis the above 35 USC 102 rejections are incorrect. The Office maintains all of the rejections of record are correct.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lyle A. Alexander whose telephone number is 571-272-1254. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jill Warden can be reached on 571-272-1267. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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